

**MINUTES**  
**SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sandy VanHuystee, Clerk called the Suttons Bay Township Regular Meeting to order on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. at the Suttons Bay/Bingham Fire & Rescue Authority Meeting Room, at 201 S. St. Mary's Avenue in Suttons Bay. There will be a Zoom link for remote attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Sandy VanHuystee, Debbie Slocombe, Tom Nixon,  
Dorothy Petroskey

Absent: None

Staff Present: Marge Johnson, via Zoom, Steve Patmore

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Sandy VanHuynstee/supported, to approve the Agenda as presented, passed.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Stinson, represented Homestretch, said he is requesting some funds for infrastructure costs - road construction at M-204 to add a curb and curb cut at a cost of \$30,000.00.

**BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**Supervisor Appointment**

Sandy VanHuystee said there were three applicants for the position of Supervisor. One applicant withdrew. Interviews were held with Tom Nixon and Dennis Rathnaw.

*Sandy VanHuystee/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to appoint Tom Nixon as Township Supervisor to fill Rich Bahle's unexpired term to November 2024.*

*Discussion: Debbie Slocombe said she would like to suggest Dennis Rathnaw be appointed as Trustee position so both candidates are on our Board.*

*Roll call vote: Yes: Sandy VanHuystee, Tom Nixon, Dorothy Petroskey, Debbie Slocombe, motion carried*

Swearing in new Supervisor

Sandy VanHuystee, Clerk, swore in Tom Nixon as Suttons Bay Township Supervisor.

Supervisor Tom Nixon took over chairing the meeting and said thank you for the support.

Discussion was held about advertising for the position of Trustee.

***Tom Nixon/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, that we advertise for the position of Trustee to the general public those who are in our township for a period of two (2) weeks,***

***Discussion -***

***Tom Nixon said Dennis Rathnaw could not be Trustee and serve as Chair of the Planning Commission. There is a conflict of interest for leadership positions. We could choose to put him as a representative on the Planning Commission. Motion carried.***

**REPORTS:**

- Treasurer - Personal property tax of last year is trying to get waived, a hearing is on Monday, May 23, 2022.
- Planning & Zoning - No report from Steve Patmore. Dennis Rathnaw said the Planning Commission on May 17, 2022 will re-review the site plan of Leelanau Watersports.
- Parks Supervisor - Bill Drozdalski submitted his report. Draft Minutes of April 20, 2022 Park and Rec Committee were also submitted.
- Fire Authority - Meeting was cancelled.
- Facilities - Next Monday carpet laying will be started at the township office.

**OLD BUSINESS**

April 13, 2022 Minutes

***Debbie Slocombe/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the April 13, 2022 Regular Minutes, passed.***

April 21, 2022

***Tom Nixon/moved, Debbie Slocombe/supported, to approve the April 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, passed.***

April 28, 2022

***Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Debbie Slocombe/supported, to approve the April 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, passed.***

May 4, 2022

***Sandy VanHuystee/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the May 4, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, passed.***

April 21, 2022 Closed Meeting Minutes

***Tom Nixon/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the the April 21, 2022 Closed Meeting Minutes, passed.***

2. Payment of the Bills

Sandy VanHuystee submitted the bills for payment. Added bills - Consumers \$187.53, VFL Environmentalist - Garage Pickup \$161.07.

***Sandy VanHuystee/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the unpaid bills as presented in the amount of \$24,495.95, passed.***

3. Township Clean Up Day - May 21, 2022/Monitoring

9 am to 12 noon at County Road Commission property. Notice was published.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Copier Maintenance Agreement - Netlink Business Solutions

Copier Maintenance Agreement was submitted for approval

***Sandy VanHuystee/moved, Debbie Slocombe/supported, to accept Netlink Business Solutions Copier Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1,150.00 for the maintenance of the copier, passed.***

2. Accept Planning Commission 2020/2021 Annual Report

The Planning Commission approved the Annual Report at its May Meeting.

***Tom Nixon/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the Planning Commission 2020/2021 Annual Report as presented, passed.***

3. Update status from Leelanau Soccer Committee

Leonard Mankowitz submitted a letter regarding the activities of the Leelanau Soccer Committee. Tom Nixon asked that a monthly report be submitted by the Leelanau Soccer Committee for the next couple of years.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Liz Maheney- Congratulations Tom for stepping up. Also want to thank Dennis, he has obviously done a lot.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Dorothy Petroskey - I want to address Mr. Stinson's comment. The Township cannot give funds to a non-profit organization.

John Stinson - I am talking about the infrastructure increase on Meritt Road.

Tom Nixon - What you are planning is terrific, but we are responsible for our taxpayers.

Dorothy Petroskey - Dennis, thank you for applying for the position.

Sandy VanHuystee - For next month's Board meeting need approval for supplies for the August election.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tom Nixon adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary

Sandy VanHuystee, Clerk

**Minutes Approved as-presented on June 9, 2022**